

**RIVERSIDE-SAN BERNARDINO-ONTARIO METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (MSA)
(RIVERSIDE AND SAN BERNARDINO COUNTIES)**

Nonfarm employment up by 16,500 over the month; up 37,200 over the year

The unemployment rate in the Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario MSA was 4.1 percent in October 2018, unchanged from a revised 4.1 percent in September 2018, and below the year-ago estimate of 4.7 percent. This compares with an unadjusted unemployment rate of 4.0 percent for California and 3.5 percent for the nation during the same period. The unemployment rate was 4.4 percent in Riverside County, and 3.9 percent in San Bernardino County.

Between September 2018 and October 2018, total nonfarm employment increased from 1,495,100 to 1,511,600, a gain of 16,500 jobs. Agricultural employment increased by 200 jobs.

- Government posted the largest month-over employment increase, adding 7,900 jobs. Employment gains were recorded in local government (up 6,300) and state government (up 1,600). Federal government remained unchanged over the month.
- Professional and business services increased by 3,700 jobs, with 73 percent of the gain in administrative and support and waste services. Professional, scientific, and technical services and management of companies and enterprises added 900 and 100 jobs respectively.
- Six other nonfarm sectors also reported payroll gains over the month. The most notable job additions were in trade, transportation, and utilities (up 2,700) and educational and health services (up 1,900).
- Job losses were recorded in construction (down 900) and other services (down 300). Mining and logging recorded no change over the year.

Between October 2017 and October 2018, total nonfarm employment increased by 37,200 jobs or 2.5 percent. Agricultural employment declined by 2,000 jobs.

- Government registered the largest year-over increase, up 9,300 jobs. Local government and state government added 8,300 and 1,000 jobs respectively. Federal government reported no change over the year.
- Eight of ten remaining sectors registered payroll gains over the year. The most notable employment gains were in professional and business services (up 8,400), trade, transportation, and utilities (up 7,300), and leisure and hospitality (up 6,200).
- No job losses were recorded over the year.